

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-040 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NANCY DAWKINS FOR HER COMMITMENT TO
EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

For much of her life, Ms. Nancy S. Dawkins, the wife of former City of Miami Commissioner Miller J. Dawkins, has been serving her community as a leader and active participant of many organizations in South Florida. She earned degrees from Bethune-Cookman, Florida A&M, and Indiana universities, and became a teacher in 1948 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she spent 35 years as an outstanding educator.

Thanks to her involvement in the community, Ms. Dawkins has been instrumental in the creation of several organizations and programs. She is one of the founding members of the District's COPE Center, the Theodore R. Gibson Oratorical Declaration Project, AARP's Local Chapter #4686, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, the Carrie P. Meek Senior and Cultural Building, and the Miller J. Dawkins Pool complex, as well as a board member of the Model City Homeowners' Association.

As a community activist, Ms. Dawkins has served the community in many ways as a member of a myriad of organizations including the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the League of Women Voters, Florida State Voters League, Women in Media, the Urban League, the Speakers Bureau of The Black Archives, and the History and Research Foundation of South Florida. She was the past second vice-president of the Dade County Commission on the Status of Women and currently is the block captain of the Allapattah Crime Prevention Program.

Additionally, she has collaborated with many candidates who aspire for different political offices within the community, and in several instances, served as their campaign manager or consultant. Ms. Dawkins should be commended for having served as a beacon of light in the South Florida community through her work as a public servant.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-040 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Recognizing Nancy Dawkins for her commitment to education and community service.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-040
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NANCY DAWKINS FOR HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, for much of her life, Ms. Nancy S. Dawkins, the wife of former City of Miami Commissioner Miller J. Dawkins, has been serving her community as a leader and active participant of many organizations in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawkins earned degrees from Bethune-Cookman, Florida A&M, and Indiana universities, and became a teacher in 1948 in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she spent 35 years as an outstanding educator; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawkins has been instrumental in the creation of several organizations and is a founding member of the Miami-Dade School District's COPE Center, the Theodore R. Gibson Oratorical Declaration Project, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Miller J. Dawkins Pool complex, among others; and

WHEREAS, as a community activist, Ms. Dawkins has served the community in many ways as a member of myriad of organizations, among them the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the League of Women Voters, Florida State Voters League, Women in Media, the Urban League, and the Speakers Bureau of The Black Archives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dawkins should be commended for having served as a beacon of light in the South Florida community through her work as a public servant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-040 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Nancy Dawkins for her commitment to education and community service.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary